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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

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IN RE: AUTOMOTIVE PARTS  
ANTITRUST LITIGATION

Case No. 12-md-02311

MDL NO. 2311

Hon. Marianne O. Battani

STATUS CONFERENCE

BEFORE THE HONORABLE MARIANNE O. BATTANI  
United States District Judge  
Theodore Levin United States Courthouse  
231 West Lafayette Boulevard  
Detroit, Michigan  
Friday, June 15, 2012

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1 Judge Roberts -- Eric, was that the seat belt -- well, and  
2 Judge Steeh. One was seat belts and I don't remember what  
3 the other one was. And then -- and they had some of the same  
4 defendants, and so I am going to accept those and put them  
5 into the MDL as tagalongs.

6           There is one case that -- there is one case, the --  
7 let me see, that Judge Zatkoff has, and I think that's the  
8 wheel bearing case. I talked to Judge Zatkoff about that and  
9 came to the understanding that he felt and therefore I  
10 agreed, but I will tell you why, that there were different  
11 defendants in that case totally from the case MDL 2311, but  
12 it is an auto part and as I read the order from the transfer  
13 order it almost sounds like all of our auto parts, and  
14 believe me, I have no clue -- oh, I do have a clue as to how  
15 many auto parts because I had another case totally unrelated  
16 to this, it was on a purchase order, and had to do with an  
17 auto part, and so I asked them just as an aside, and the  
18 attorneys, of course, did not know why I was asking, I said  
19 how many auto parts are there? He said oh, 12,000 to 15,000.  
20 With all due respect to the defendants, I don't anticipate  
21 that too many more are involved, I don't know.

22           But anyway, as to the wheel bearing case that  
23 Judge Steeh has -- excuse me, Judge Zatkoff has, he is  
24 keeping that. Now, I am doing nothing about that. If  
25 anybody wants to change it or have it as a tagalong then

1 | there are processes that you could take to do that. I mean,  
2 | the more I think about this and I guess as you come up and  
3 | comment I would like your comment, and please understand that  
4 | I am just talking because I want to find out more information  
5 | about this but I'm always looking to the end for the  
6 | settlement, I mean, I know we have a long way to go and I'm  
7 | not saying that you are all going to settle so please don't  
8 | think that I am saying that you need to, but in the end when  
9 | we get there I want to know -- I mean, the plaintiffs have to  
10 | be the same basically, the classes, so if you purchase a car,  
11 | I mean, aren't we going to resolve this with one, you know,  
12 | each purchaser is going to get something or are they going to  
13 | get something for a car harness, something for a safety seat,  
14 | something for a fuel sender? I mean, it becomes somewhat  
15 | overwhelming so ultimately -- and, you know, I did discuss  
16 | this with Judge Zatkoff that ultimately I think the cases are  
17 | going to come together one way or another, so I just want you  
18 | to know that is the status right now. If anybody in the  
19 | wheel bearing case wants to change any status then you are  
20 | going to have to go through the panel.

21 |           Just with those comments, can I have some comments?  
22 | Mr. Fink?

23 |           MR. FINK: Your Honor, David Fink.

24 |           To speak to the initial question that the Court is  
25 | asking really about organization, there have been a lot of